



Travis County Fire Marshal's Office

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New Burn Ban in effect for Travis County

The Travis County Commissioners Court voted this morning to ban outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the county. The burn ban expires on May 28, 2014, unless further action is taken by the Court or Fire Marshal prior to that date. The last burn ban was lifted on March 14.

Travis County Fire Marshal Hershel Lee said, "Low humidity and high winds are causing high fire danger. Under these conditions, fires can get out of control and spread very easily. Do not throw cigarettes out of vehicle windows, park running or recently driven vehicles on dry grass or operate poorly maintained machinery on dry grass."

This ban on outdoor burning does not affect a prescribed burn under the supervision of a prescription burn manager. It also does not affect outdoor hot work when done under the guidelines established by the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office. Prescription burn managers and those in need of outdoor hot work permits must contact the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office or the fire department in whose jurisdiction the work will be done.

Barbecuing in Travis County Parks and parks managed by the county is allowed as long as the fire is within a closeable container or a container with a lid. You should also have water nearby in case the fire spreads. Call 9-1-1 immediately if a fire gets out of control.

If you have questions about the burn ban, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 512-854-4621, or contact your local fire department.

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Media: Please call the Fire Marshal's Office for interviews or questions at 512-854-4621.